

She graduated from West Tech High School in 1966.

Throughout her life Katie was known as a compassionate soul that dedicated her life to those less fortunate. She worked tirelessly as a case worker for the Cuyahoga County Welfare Department for 25 years.

In addition to her work, Katie was a long-time volunteer and advocate for the LGBT community. She worked with the Northern Ohio CoDA Intergroup (NOCI) for decades arranging events and fundraisers to benefit the marginalized and disenfranchised of Northeast Ohio.

I offer my condolences to her brothers, John, Bill (Margie), Eddie and Marty (Mary); as well as her nieces, nephews and many friends.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring the memory of Kathleen "Katie" Devring.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF JOHN T. FISHER II (JOHN T.)

#### HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of John T. Fisher II, an unsung hero of the Civil Rights Movement. John T. was born on February 10, 1934 and became a community leader who spent his life working on racial equality in Memphis, Tennessee and around the world.

John T. Fisher II earned his Bachelor of Science in Commerce from the University of Virginia. Afterwards he entered into Officer training with the U.S. Marine Corps. After serving two years as a Marine in Okinawa, Japan, he returned to Memphis and assumed the presidency of the John T. Fisher Motor Company which was founded by his grandfather in 1907 and was one of the original Chrysler franchises in the country. By 1968, John T. operated a highly successful car dealership and once sold a car to Elvis Presley. Even so, he risked his reputation by being one of the few white businessmen to support the sanitation strike that brought Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Memphis. In the days after the assassination of Dr. King, John T. did not hesitate in trying to bring the Memphis community together. Working with clergy members and professionals of all races, he invited all members of the community, regardless of race, to join in a peace rally called "Memphis Cares," which 6,000 people attended.

Mr. Fisher's ethical and religious convictions took him to work with the Council of World Churches in Geneva, Switzerland where he worked with the Faith and Society Committee and the Finance Committee. His task was to lead the divestment of all World Council financial holdings in South African companies that supported apartheid. This work moved him across Europe where he attended seminars and coordinated meetings with the World Council and eventually was asked to be a delegate to the 5th Assembly of World Council of Churches in Nairobi, Kenya in 1975.

In 2001, at age 67, John T. accepted a post at the Regional Medical Center at Memphis as Vice President for Development where he

oversaw the MED Foundation. During his time there, he was credited with raising millions of dollars for the MED and was influential in building The Rehabilitation Hospital of Memphis (RHM). Today, RHM delivers comprehensive acute care, inpatient rehabilitation and outpatient treatment. RHM is a complement to the Elvis Presley Memorial Trauma Center, the Firefighters Regional Burn Center and serves the same five-state region in which the MED serves.

John T. Fisher II remained deeply committed to the community. He served as Chapter's Warden and Bishop's Warden at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Board of Advisors at St. Mary's Episcopal School, and on the boards of the Memphis Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Memphis Arts Council, the Better Business Bureau, the Committee of Southern Churchmen, the Center for Urban Ministry, and the Wake Forest University Divinity School Board of Visitors. In addition to these responsibilities, he was a founding director of the Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association (MIFA). Today MIFA continues to unite the Memphis community and address the challenges of poverty by engaging the community to sustain the independence of seniors, transform the lives of families in crisis, and equip teens for success.

John T. will be remembered for his many contributions and accomplishments. Those who knew him best will also remember him for his collection of "words to live by," which he kept in his wallet to reference at any time and any place. Some of his favorite quotes were "Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood," ". . . Leadership is the willingness to state an opinion, the motivation to commit to a project, and the ability to make difficult choices. . . ." and "quality is never an accident; it is always the result of intelligent effort." He used these quotes to reflect upon vision, leadership and quality, all of which embodied his lifelong work.

John T. Fisher II passed away on Friday, December 30, 2011, at 77 years of age. He is survived by his wife, Jean Carter Fisher, his three children: Jean Kelley Fisher, Suzannah Fisher Ragen, and John T. Fisher III, five grandchildren, his sister, Billie Fisher Carr Houghton and close mentor, Lewis Donelson of Memphis.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the many accomplishments and contributions of John T. Fisher II. His was a life well-lived.

#### HONORING CAPTAIN LOUIE A. WRIGHT

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Captain Louie A. Wright on his retirement as President of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 42.

A self-made man from humble beginnings, Louie graduated from Ruskin Heights High School and joined the Kansas City Fire Department in 1972. Louie was first elected as President of Local 42 in 1976. In 1988, Louie

resigned as President of Local 42 in order to run for General Secretary of the IAFF. This hiatus from the Presidency gave Louie the opportunity to finish his Juris Doctor with distinction from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, finishing a collegiate journey that included receiving his Master of Public Administration from the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government. Louie was again elected President in 1995, leading Local 42 ever since.

His time with Local 42 has been marked by many memorable moments. When the negotiations over 40 hour work weeks and mandatory overtime grew fierce in the late 1970s, Louie and around 70 other firefighters were arrested. An agreement was later reached and Louie was pardoned by the governor. However, it was not the only time this happened and Louie often jokes that he is the only member of the Missouri Bar Association to have been arrested and pardoned twice. For the past 35 years Louie Wright has led the Local 42 to unprecedented growth with skill, street smarts and toughness. Local 42 members, their friends, families, fellow firefighters and the citizens of greater Kansas City will always remember Louie Wright as a "fireman's fireman."

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me, Louie's children Joanna and Nick and his family and friends in congratulating Captain Louie A. Wright on his retirement after 29 years with the Kansas City Fire Department and the IAFF and in wishing him the best of luck in the years to come.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL EDGAR E. STANTON III'S 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR NATION

#### HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Lieutenant General Edgar E. Stanton III for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Lieutenant General Stanton will retire from active military duty in April 2012 after 40 distinguished years of service to the United States Army. Lieutenant General Edgar E. Stanton III has distinguished himself throughout his 40 years of service to his Nation by exceptionally meritorious service to the United States Army and the United States of America, culminating as the Military Deputy for Budget to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management & Comptroller). He is currently the Army's senior uniformed financial manager. Throughout his career, Lieutenant General Stanton has served in command and staff positions at every level from the Finance Section, to the Army Secretariat, including Commander, 18th Finance Group; Commandant, US Army Finance School; Deputy Chief of Staff, Resource Management, TRADOC, and Commanding General, US Army Soldier Support Institute. During his tours as the Director, Army Budget and Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary, Lieutenant General Stanton was directly and intimately involved in supervising the formulation, justification, and execution of Army Appropriations valued at over \$1.5 trillion.